

REMARKS

Applicants have studied the Office action dated March 22, 2004, and have made amendments to the claims. Claims 1-11 have been canceled without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute these claims at a later time. Claim 12 has been amended. No new matter has been added. It is submitted that the application, as amended, is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Specification

The disclosure was objected to by the Examiner because of an informality. Thus, an amendment has been made to overcome the Examiner's objection. Specifically, the specification at page 6, paragraph 33, line 1 has been amended so that "rear mirror 12" now reads -- rear mirror 2 --. Applicants respectfully request that the disclosure objection be withdrawn.

Claim Objections

Claims 1 and 12 were objected to because of informalities. Applicants submit that claim 1 has been canceled; therefore the objection as to claim 1 is now moot. Applicants further submit that claim 12 has been amended so that "reenlarging" now reads as -- re-enlarging --. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the claim objections be withdrawn.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 12-19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,388,810 to Monson ("Monson"). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

A proper rejection for anticipation under § 102 requires complete identity of invention. The claimed invention, including each element thereof as recited in the claims, must be disclosed or embodied, either expressly or inherently, in a single reference. Scripps Clinic & Research Found. v. Genentech Inc., 927 F.2d 1565, 1576, 18 U.S.P.Q.2d 1001, 1010 (Fed. Cir. 1991); Standard Havens Prods., Inc. v. Gencor Indus., Inc., 953 F.2d 1360, 1369, 21 U.S.P.Q.2d 1321, 1328 (Fed. Cir. 1991).

As amended, independent claim 12 now recites an optical element formed of a convex mirror, the optical element positioned opposite the projection lens. Support for such an

amendment can be found, inter alia, at page 6, paragraph 31 and FIGS. 2 and 3 of the specification. In contrast, Monson discloses a planar optical element (see reference numeral 12 in FIGS. 1-5 of Monson). Moreover, Monson discloses a convex mirror being used as a rear mirror 25 (see FIG. 3 of Monson) and not as an optical element positioned opposite the projections lens, as claimed in claim 12. Thus, Monson does not disclose or suggest each element of the claimed invention. Therefore, Applicants respectfully assert that claim 12 and its claims dependent therefrom, claims 13-19, are allowable over the cited reference.

CONCLUSION

In light of the above remarks, Applicants submit that the present Amendment places all claims of the present application in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application, as amended, is requested.

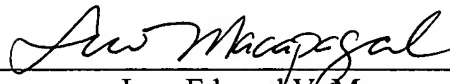
No amendment made was related to the statutory requirements of patentability unless expressly stated herein; and no amendment made was for the purpose of narrowing the scope of any claim, unless Applicant has argued herein that such amendment was made to distinguish over a particular reference or combination of references.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles, California, telephone number (213) 623-2221 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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